

REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 16, 2003, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

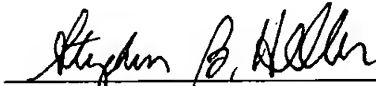
Claims 16-33 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, claims 16-21 and 28-33 are allowed, which Applicant gratefully acknowledges. Claims 22-27 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Koyama et al. 6,441,758.

In response, Applicant cancels claims 22-27, thus rendering moot the rejection for obviousness. Applicant adds new claims 34-45. The new claims include the subject matter already found by the Examiner to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant believes that new claims 34-45 are also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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